An Account of the King of Spain's *Arrival and Reception at* Lisbon.

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THE Confederate Fleet under the Command of Sir George Rooke, with the King of Spain on board, having paſſed by Plimouth on Monday morning the 25th paſt, *N. S.* made the Lizard that evening, and got clear of the Land.

The 3d Inſtant, at Noon, in the Latitude of 43 Deg. 50 Min. the Antelope, Greenwich, and a Dutch Man of War, parted from the Fleet, being ordered to Convoy between 40 and 50 Sail of Merchant Ships bound to Viana and Oporto.

The 4th, the King of Spain ſent away the Count de Coloredo, Firſt Gentleman of his Bed-Chamber, on board the Leopard Man of War, to acquaint the King of Portugal with his Approach; but that Ship being got in too near the Shore, and meeting with Calms, did not come in here before the reſt of the Fleet.

The 6th, at Noon, the Fleet came in ſight of Cape Montego; and His Catholick Majeſty was pleaſed to give the Sailor who firſt deſcry'd it 6 Ducats. At 5 in the Afternoon they ſaw the Burlings.

The 7th, they gained the Rock of Lisbon. The King of Spain ſaved the Life of a Sailor, who was under Condemnation for Deſerting. The Fleet ſailed up the River, the Admiral (on board whom was the King of Spain) being ſaluted by all the Forts and Caſtles with a triple Diſcharge of all their Cannon, ſtriking their Flags three ſeveral times before they fired. The Fleet anchored below Belem about 4 in the Afternoon a League ſhort of the King's Palace. As ſoon as the Admiral came to an Anchor, Mr. Methuen, Her Majeſty of Great Britain's Envoy Extraordinary, in the Abſence of his Father, Her Majeſty's Ambaſſador Extraordinary here, who is Indiſpoſed with the Gout, went on board; had Audience of the King to welcom him in Her Majeſty's Name, and was very graciouſly received by His Catholick Majeſty, who expreſſed the great Reſpect and Veneration he hath for Her Majeſty, and how ſenſible he is of the great and many Obligations he oweth Her, which he hoped he ſhould be ſo happy as to be able to return in ſuch a manner, as might ſhew the whole World the grateful Senſe he ſhould always retain of Her Majeſty's Kindneſs to him. The King of Portugal ſent the ſame Night the Duke of Cadaval on board the Admiral, to Compliment His Catholick Majeſty. That Night the King of Spain ſent the Prince of Lichtenſtein, his High Steward, to wait upon the King of Portugal, with a Compliment of Condoleance upon the Death of the Infanta his eldeſt Daughter; To which the King returned Anſwer, *That the Joy for His Catholick Majeſty's Arrival ſhould baniſh all Sorrow from his Mind, as well as from his Court and Dominions*: And Orders were given, That the Mourning upon that Occaſion ſhould be laid aſide for three Days, and Illuminations ſhould be made as many Nights in every Houſe, with other Publick Rejoycings; which were obeyed by the People of all Ranks and Conditions, with all Imaginable Chearfulneſs and hearty Wiſhes for His Catholick Majeſty's good Succeſs in the Recovery of his Juſt Rights. Theſe Rejoycings were began the day that he landed. The Almirante of Caſtile, and ſeveral other Perſons of Quality, went alſo on board the 7th to wait on His Catholick Majeſty.

The 8th, His Catholick Majeſty remained on board, and the King ſent him a Compliment by the Marquis of Marialva, Chamberlain of his Houſhold.

The 9th, all things being ready for the King of Spain's Reception, His Majeſty on Board the Royal Catherine, Admiral, with the reſt of the Men of War came up the River and anchored over againſt the Royal Palace, the Caſtles on both ſides the River continually firing. Between four and five in the Afternoon, the King of Portugal accompanied by the two Princes, his eldeſt Sons, with ſeveral Perſons of the firſt Quality, embarked on a very noble Brigantine, rowed by 40 Men clad in Crimſon-Velvet, laced with Silver, attended by the reſt of the Nobility in Barges and Felucca's, and went on Board the Royal Catherine. When his Majeſty came by the Ship's ſide he ſtruck his Flag; and when he came into the Ship, Sir George Rooke ſtruck his Flag, and let fly his Streamer, and ſaluted him with 25 Guns, which was taken by the whole Fleet, and anſwered from on Shore. His Catholick Majeſty received the King of Portugal at the Ladder-head, which upon this Occaſion was made very commodious, and waited on him to his Cabbin, giving him the Right Hand whilſt he was in the Ship. After a ſhort ſtay there, the two Kings went into the Brigantine. When they put off, both Ships hoiſted their Flags, which had remained ſtruck while the King of Portugal was on board the Admiral, and Sir George gave two Salutes of 25 Guns each, which was followed by the reſt of the Fleet. The King of Spain had the Right Hand on Board the Brigantine; and both Kings landed under a Triumphal Arch, which was erected at the Head of a very magnificent Bridge, built for this purpoſe, and adorned with ſeveral Triumphal Arches, which from the Palace Gate run a good way into the River. At their Landing, the King of Portugal giving the King of Spain the Right, took him by the Hand and led him out of the Brigantine up the Stairs, and along the Bridge to the Palace; the Nobility and the reſt of their Retinue marching in a great deal of Order, and thus they proceeded to the Royal Chapel, where *Te Deum* was ſung for His Catholick Majeſty's ſafe Arrival. Thence the King conducted him to his Bed-Chamber, thorough, perhaps, one of the nobleſt Apartments in Europe, where the Tapeſtry is without Compariſon, and which was then mightily improved by a vaſt Number of Wax-lights. There the King took his Leave of His Catholick Majeſty, but returned ſoon after, accompanied by the two Princes, and their Majeſties ſupped together in Publick. The Entertainment was in every reſpect Sumptuous and Magnificent. The Nobility of both Courts were preſent; the Germans and Spaniards being diſtinguiſhed by their rich Laced and Embroidered Clothes, and the Portugueſe by their Jewels.

The 10th, Sir George Rooke ſent Rear-Admiral Dilkes on ſhore to Compliment the King of Portugal, to whom he was introduced by Mr. Methuen Her Majeſty's Envoy Extraordinary, and was very kindly received. The Envoy afterwards had Audience of the King of Spain, and made him a Compliment in Her Majeſty's Name upon his being on ſhoar, and met with a very kind Reception, his Catholick Majeſty expreſſing ſtill the great Reſpect he had for Her Majeſty, and how much he thought himſelf obliged to her.

The 11th, his Grace the Duke of Schomberg, Captain General and Commander in Chief of the Forces deſigned for this Expedition, preſented my Lord Portmore, and the reſt of the General Officers to the King of Portugal, who met with a very favourable Reception.

This day (the 12th) Sir George Rooke and the reſt of the Officers of the Fleet, introduced by the Engliſh Envoy, waited upon the King of Portugal, who received them with great Expreſſions of Kindneſs.

The neceſſary Diſpoſitions are making for the Forces landing, which they will begin to do to morrow.

The Marquis de Chateauneuf, Ambaſſador from France, took his Leave of our King the 8th Inſtant, and left this City, and the next day he paſſed over the River in his way to Spain. Several of the French in this Place, whoſe Inſolent Behaviour had rendred them obnoxious, have been commanded to depart, and it is expected that the reſt will ſoon receive the ſame Orders.

It is reported, That the Duke of Berwick is arrived on the Frontier with ſome Battalions of Iriſh, who are ſent as Auxiliaries by the French King to the Duke of Anjou.

A Dutch Man of War commanded by Captain Waſſenaer, and a Caper of the ſame Nation, have forced aſhore near Cape St. Mary's in Portugal a Spaniſh Aſſogue or Quickſilver-Ship returning from the Weſt-Indies, which had 60 Braſs Guns mounted, and a conſiderable quantity of Cocheneal, Indigo and other rich Commodities on board, beſides the Value of above a Million of Dollars in Gold and Silver, either Coined or in Bars; which Ship is ſecured, and is now actually unlading.

Whitehall, March 12. Captain Green Commander of the Alliance Pacquet-Boat, who brought over the laſt Mail from Portugal, met on the 13th Inſtant *N. S.* as he was coming out of the River of Lisbon, the Squadron commanded by Vice-Admiral Lake, having with him the whole remainder of the Engliſh and Dutch Forces deſigned thither, and ſpoke with the Vice-Admiral, who with his whole Squadron was ſtanding in for that Port; So that all thoſe Troops are now ſafely arrived there, not one Ship having miſcarry'd, either of the Fleet commanded by Sir George Rooke, or of this laſt Squadron under the Command of Vice-Admiral Lake.